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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 6, 2009, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, and list Claims 10-22 as readable thereon. Applicants make this election with the understanding that Applicants preserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 10-22 is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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